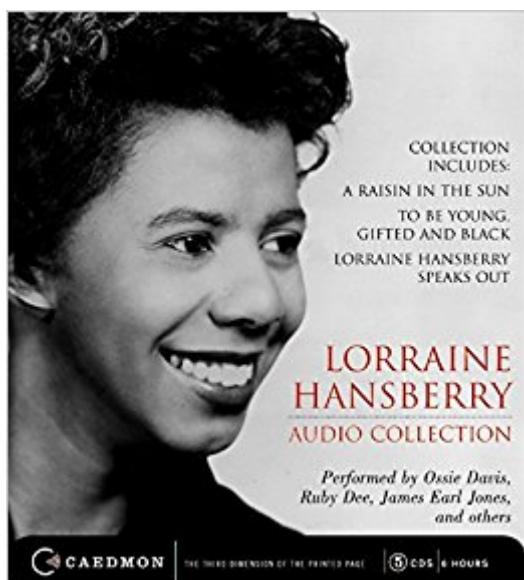


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# Lorraine Hansberry Audio Collection CD: Raisin In The Sun, To Be Young, Gifted And Black And Lorraine Hansberry Speaks Out



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Lorraine Hansberry wrote of Black consciousness before it was fashionable, but she bequeathed to all of us a legacy astounding in its richness and relevancy. Few writers, black or white, are more relevant to present-day America than Lorraine Hansberry. Here, for the first time, Caedmon has gathered many of her plays, interviews, and speeches into one unforgettable collection. *A Raisin in the Sun*: an emotionally lacerating landmark of modern American theatre. A full-cast production starring Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis. *To Be Young, Gifted and Black*: a glowing, vibrant, searing and, at the same time, redemptively joyous self-portrait. A full-cast production starring James Earl Jones. *Lorraine Hansberry Speaks Out*: seven interviews and speeches, recorded between 1959 and 1964, that range in topic from integration to backlash to the greatness and limitations of African American leadership.

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This production begins with Hansberry's play, *A RAISIN IN THE SUN*, which is followed by an

autobiographical montage, and interviews and speeches recorded between 1959 and 1964. The work sheds light on Hansberry's regrettably short but passionately lived life of the mind. Both the play and autobiographical patchwork comprising the second piece ("To Be Young, Gifted and Black") are powerfully performed by the resonant, memorable voices of James Earl Jones, Ruby Dee, and Ossie Davis, among others. But the most astonishing voice of all is Hansberry's own, so cool and articulate, especially when interviewed by a testy-sounding Mike Wallace, who questions her winning the New York Drama Critics' Circle award. Hanberry's poise under fire, eloquence, and fiercely held convictions will linger in listeners' minds. J.C.G. Winner of AudioFile Earphones Award  
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Lorraine Hansberry's voice! Collection includes others, but it's magical to hear her talk about her work contemporaneously.

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